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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL CHARGES ABOUT NARCOTICS REACHING US FORCES

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1. JUNE 1 PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL) HAS BEEN REPORTED IN  
BERLIN PRESS. MORGENPOST CARRIES ASSERTIONS THAT ALL OF THE  
HEROIN USED BY US FORCES PERSONNEL IN BERLIN'S WESTERN  
SECTORS AND SIXTY FIVE PERCENT BEING USED BY US SERVICEMEN  
IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IS DELIVERED WITH THE "PASSIVE  
COOPERATION" OF THE GDR GOVERNMENT. IT STATES FURTHER THAT  
ABOUT ONE THOUSAND POUNDS OF HEROIN HAS FOUND ITS WAY  
THROUGH THE GDR TO WEST BERLIN AND ANOTHER FIVE-THOUSAND  
FIVE-HUNDRED POUNDS HAS BEEN SMUGGLED THROUGH THE GDR INTO  
THE BUNDESREPUBLIK (PERIOD NOT SPECIFIED IN EITHER CASE).

2. STARS AND STRIPES ARTICLE APPEARING JUNE 2  
CITED FIGURES OF ONE-THOUSAND ONE-HUNDRED POUNDS AND  
SIX-THOUSAND POUNDS RESPECTIVELY. IT REPORTED  
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CONGRESSMAN ENGLISH AS HAVING SAID THAT HIS INFORMATION  
CAME FROM A REPORT PROVIDED BY DEA. THE ARTICLE QUOTED DEA  
DIRECTOR OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS AS SAYING THAT THESE  
ESTIMATES ARE "RELIABLE AND BASED ON INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION."

3. MISSION AND DEA REPRESENTATIVES HERE AND IN BONN HAVE  
NOT SEEN A REPORT CONTAINING THIS INFORMATION. IT IS NOT

CLEAR WHAT IS MEANT BY "INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION."

4. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NONE OF THE VARIOUS QUALIFIED OBSERVERS FOLLOWING THE DRUG SECENE IN BERLIN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PUT A NUMERICAL FUGURE ON HEROIN TRANSIT-ING THE GDR NOR ON THE PERCENTAGE OF HEROIN REACHING US SERVICEMEN IN THE FRG VIA BERLIN. WHILE IT IS NATURAL TO TRY TO CONVERT THE PROBLEM TO FIGURES, TO ATTEMPT THIS ON THE BASIS OF THE RELATIVELY SCANTY INFORMATION AVAILABLE SEEMS PREMATURE AND MAY BE MISLEADING. (THE CURRENT DEA OPERATION IN BERLIN INTENDED TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF TRAFFICKING PATTERNS.)

5. BERLIN POLICE AND POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE QUERYING US FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CONCLUSIONS BY THE CONGRESSMEN CITED AND THE REPORTS UPON WHICH THEY ARE BASED. THERE IS OF COURSE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT A LARGE TOTAL AMOUNT OF HEROIN IS REACHING BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC VIA TRAVELERS TRANSITING THE GDR. HOWEVER, THE MISSION IS NOT ABLE ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO IT OR TO DEA REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHOM WE WORK ON A CLOSE DAILY BASIS TO JUSTIFY THE FIGURES PROVIDED IN THE JUNE - PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL). THERE IS A RISK THAT THE BERLIN OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL FIGURES WITH WHOM THE USG IS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE MAXIMUM COOPERATION IN ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS WILL CONCLUDE THAT THE AMERICANS EITHER DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOUT OR THAT USG REPRESENTATIVES IN BERLIN ARE NOT LEVELING.

6. AMEMBASSY BERLIN IS ADDRESSING BY SEPTTEL THE QUESTION OF ALLEGED GDR SUPPORT OR CONDONING OF THE TRAFFICKING. IT APPEARS TO THE MISSION FROM THIS SIDE OF THE WALL THAT WHILE GDR AUTHORITIES MAY SHED FEW TEARS OVER THE WESTERN DRUG PROBLEM, THEY ARE NOT "SUPPORTING" THE TRAFFIC. "CONDONING" IS MORE DIFFICULT TO DEFINE, AND ONE NEEDS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FACTORS SUCH AS HOW GDR CUSTOMS CONTROLS COMPARE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON TRAFFICKING ROUTES AND WHAT SORTS OF CONTROLS ARE NEEDED TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

7. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AIR-POUCHED COPIES OF THE JUNE 1 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT, AND OTHER PERTINENT MATERIALS, ESPECIALLY DEA AND OTHER REPORTS CITED AT CONFERENCE PERTAINING TO QUANTITIES OF HEROIN ENTERING BERLIN.

8. MISSION IS PUZZLED BY SIXTH PRESS GUIDANCE QUESTION (REFTEL), REFLECTING AN ALLEGATION THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REFUSED TO ACT ON DEA PROPOSALS FOR BERLIN. NEITHER WE NOR DEA REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHOM WE ARE IN

CONTACT HERE UNDERSTAND THE BASIS FOR THIS CRITICISM.  
HAS DEA WASHINGTON REFUTED THIS ALLEGATION OR IS IT  
PLANNING TO CLEAR THE RECORD?

9. USCOB CONCURS.GEORGE

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